

Today's News - Thursday, May 9, 2013

- Brussat pays eloquent tribute to Reed, "the arch-antagonist of modern architecture" (and Huxtable, his "most formidable foe").
- Vidler remembers Colquhoun, "the venerated architect and educator" - and "architectural heir" to the Scottish Enlightenment.
- Pedersen reports on some political hardball going on in the "loopy, cynical, alternate reality of Washington" that has "green building under legislative attack" (can things get any more dysfunctional?!?).
- An eyeful of Snøhetta/AECOM's updated plans for San Francisco's Golden State Warriors arena that includes more public space, better access to the waterfront, and a smaller parking lot.
- An eyeful of Patkau Architects' revised plans for the Audain Art Museum in Whistler, BC: it's about double in size, but will still blend into the landscape (and they'll only have to cut down one tree!).
- Campbell is buoyant about the proposed Floatyard for Boston Harbor that "looks like an enormous cubist bug, heaving itself out of the water," but is "as much about creating a sense of urban community as it is about dealing with changing climate...a place where land and sea meet as friends, not enemies."
- Green has a lively Q&A with SWA's Shanley re: shorelines, rising tides, superstorms, and green infrastructure (optimism and pessimism included).
- Calgary revitalizes a disused urban gem on St. Patrick's Island.
- Lubell reports on an architect's petition to save Mount's MOCA show that doesn't want "to be 'antagonistic or condemning in any form,' since there is still so much haziness around the situation."
- A stellar line-up of winners of the Cooper-Hewitt 2013 National Design Awards (great presentation, too!).
- Ditto (i.e. stellar) Gold and Silver Medalists of the 2013 Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence.
- RAIC | Architecture Canada announces recipient of the 2013 Advocate for Architecture Award.
- A good reason to head to Philly next week: the Civic Horticulture Conference will "discuss issues that straddle the axes of environment, economy and design."
- Call for entries: Next Landmark 2013 Floornature International Architecture & Urban Photography Contest for young architects + Architectural Review's 2013 Global Architecture Graduate Awards (open to students worldwide) + Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Challenge + One of our faves: Voting now open for the 9th annual Pug Awards for "Toronto's best, middling and worst new developments of the year."

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Obituary: The beautiful life of Henry Hope Reed, 97: ...the arch-antagonist of modern architecture...outlived his most formidable foe...Ada Louise Huxtable, by four months...Together, they represent the antipodes of opinion on what cities should look like. Looking around us, it is fair to suppose that Huxtable won the argument. By David Brussat -- Classical America; Institute of Classical Architecture & Art (ICAA) [images]- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

Obituary: Alan Colquhoun, 1921-2012: Anthony Vidler remembers the venerated architect and educator: ...exemplified that distinct brand of projective vision and empirical adjustment that characterized the Scottish Enlightenment, of which he was the architectural heir.- The Architect's Newspaper

Political Hardball: Part II: Green building under legislative attack: The American Gas Association is at it again...to repeal Section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007...it represents nothing less than the federal adoption of Edward Mazria's 2030 Challenge. That groundbreaking piece of legislation is currently threatened...AGA now pushing to...weaken or eliminate Section 433. By Martin C. Pedersen- Metropolis Magazine

The Case for Modernism: Modernism is more than capable of finding a home at the former American Folk Art Museum: Some find the former AFAM ugly...I cannot argue with them...What I can say is that this dark crystal of nested frames could once again serve to cherish, contain, display, and involve us with some form of art, and that it would be a crying shame to lose a design of such beauty. By Aaron Betsky -- Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects - Architect Magazine

Fresh Renderings of What San Francisco's New NBA Arena Might Look Like: It's a big departure from where the Golden State Warriors currently play...the updated vision...includes more public space, better pedestrian access to the waterfront, and a reduced parking footprint...will also be shorter than originally planned... -- Snøhetta/AECOM/BAR [images]- The Atlantic Cities

Philanthropist Michael Audain unveils design for Whistler art museum: Proposed Audain Art Museum doubles in size...a long, low building that blends into the landscape like a modern version of an old covered bridge...angled so only one tree would have to come down during construction. -- Patkau Architects [slide show, video]- Vancouver Sun

In Floatyard, a design dream of Boston Harbor's future: It looks like an enormous cubist bug, heaving itself out of the water ...on a site in the Charlestown Navy Yard...What's so impressive...is the breadth of issues it raises. It's just as much about creating a sense of urban community as it is about dealing with changing climate...a place where land and sea meet as friends, not enemies. By Robert Campbell -- Brian Healy/Perkins+Will- Boston Globe

Q&A: Kevin Shanley/SWA Group: Are we too distracted to focus on preparing for the next big storm(s)? "The challenge after Sandy is to ask ourselves what's the next thing that's going to distract everybody? ...Can we take a blended approach to soften our edges and create redundant and resilient strategies?" By Jared Green- Metropolis Magazine

Stampede Park: Calgary revitalizes a disused urban gem on St. Patrick's Island: Currently home to the city zoo, but otherwise abandoned for decades, the island is to Calgary as Treasure Island is to San Francisco, or Roosevelt Island to New York...31 acres...will be purposed for recreational uses. -- W-Architecture and Landscape Architecture; Civitas [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

Petition Launched to Save MOCA's "A New Sculpturalism: Contemporary Architecture in Southern California" Exhibition: ...doesn't want the petition to be "antagonistic or condemning in any form," since there is still so much haziness around the situation. By Sam Lubell -- Arshia Mahmoodi/VOID; Christopher Mount- The Architect's Newspaper

Cooper-Hewitt 2013 National Design Award Winners -- James Wines/SITE; Michael Sorkin; TED; Studio Gang Architects; Paula Scher/Pentagram; Local Projects; Aidlin Darling Design; Margie Ruddick; NewDealDesign [links to images, info]- Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum

The Bruner Foundation Announces Winners of the 2013 Gold and Silver Medals for Urban Excellence: ...\$50,000 Gold Medal, Inspiration Kitchens in Chicago...\$10,000 Silver Medalists...Congo Street Initiative, Dallas; Louisville Waterfront Park; Steel Yard, Providence, RI; Via

Verde, Bronx, NY. -- Wheeler Kearns Architects; buildingcommunityWORKSHOP/bcWORKSHOP; Hargreaves Associates; Klopfer Martin Design Group; Dattner Architects/Grimshaw [images]- The Architect's Newspaper

RAIC | Architecture Canada announces recipient of the 2013 Advocate for Architecture Award: ...to recognize an individual who has contributed to the elevation of architecture in the public realm by means other than the practice of architecture. -- Heather Dubbeldam/Dubbeldam Architecture + Design- Canadian Architect

Philadelphia to Host to Civic Horticulture Conference [and tours] May 17-19: Speakers and panelists from Philadelphia and across the globe will...discuss issues that straddle the axes of environment, economy and design. -- The Cultural Landscape Foundation; Pennsylvania Horticultural Society- Grid Magazine

Call for entries: Next Landmark 2013 Floornature International Architecture & Urban Photography Contest for young architects (no fee); winners go to Helsinki Design Week; deadline: June 30- Floornature

Call for entries: Architectural Review's 2013 Global Architecture Graduate Awards (GAGAs); open to undergraduate and postgraduate architecture students worldwide; cash prizes; deadline: July 5- Architectural Review (UK)

Call for entries: Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Challenge; \$250,000 in cash prizes to 3 winning green building products that are designed for re-use; deadline: June 30- Cradle to Cradle Products Innovation Institute / Make It Right Foundation

Ninth annual Pug Awards: A Tale of Two Cities: ...43 Pug Awards nominees...Pugs invite the public to vote for Toronto's best, middling and worst new developments of the year through May 31- Canadian Architect

-- TEN Arquitectos: Museo Amparo, Puebla, Mexico
-- Exhibition: "Frank Gehry: At Work" - Leslie Feely Fine Art, New York.City
-- and more

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